

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
Marine Corps Air Station  
(Helicopter)  
New River, Jacksonville  
North Carolina 28540

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD), Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps, Washington, D. C. 20380  
Via: Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases, Eastern Area, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina 28533  
Subj: Semiannual Command Chronology: 1 July to 31 December 1976  
Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1

1. In accordance with reference (a), the Semiannual Command Chronology for Marine Corps Air Station (Helicopter) New River is hereby submitted.

2. Organization Data

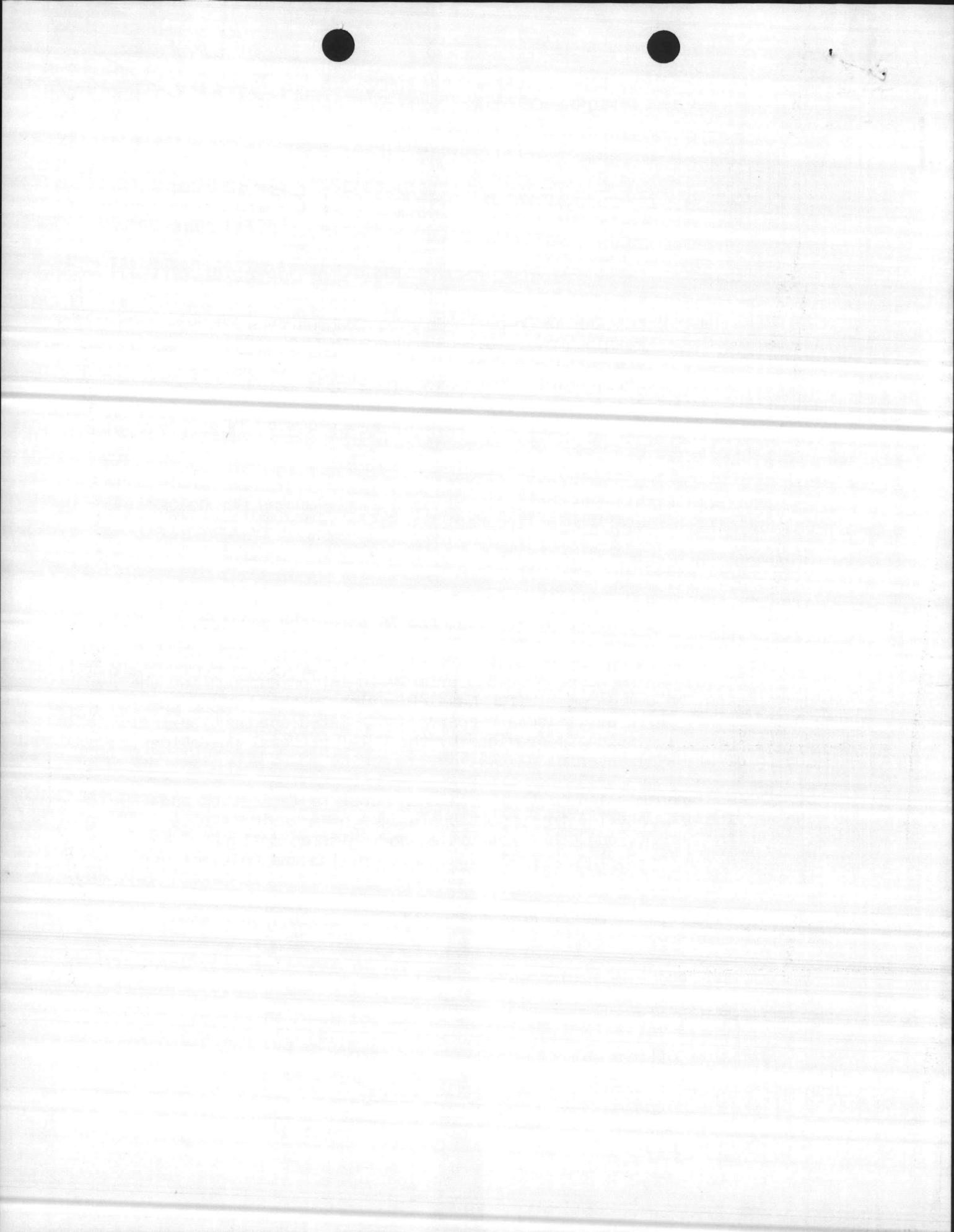
a. Designation and Location. MCAS(H) New River is located in the vicinity of Jacksonville, North Carolina, and is under the military command of the Commandant of the Marine Corps, who exercises his command through the Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases, Eastern Area. The Commandant of the Marine Corps provides primary logistics support for the Air Station and the Commandant, Fifth Naval District is the designated area coordinator. Aircraft, aircraft spares and related aeronautical support equipment logistics is provided by the Chief of Naval Operations and the Chief of Naval Materiel.

b. The assigned mission is to maintain and operate facilities and provide service and materiel to support operations of a Marine Aircraft Wing, or units thereof, and other activities and units as designated by the Commandant of the Marine Corps in coordination with the Chief of Naval Operations.

c. Period Covered. Period covered by this report is 1 July to 31 December 1976.

d. Command and Staff Assignments

Commanding Officer	Col B. R. WILKINSON
Executive Officer	LtCol G. S. PATE 1 Jul - 14 Aug 76 LtCol C. L. NESBITT 15 Aug - 31 Dec 76



S-1 Officer	Maj M. J. BARKOVICH 1 Jul - 14 Aug 76
	LtCol G. S. PATE 15 Aug - 31 Dec 76
Military Personnel Officer	Maj M. J. BARKOVICH 15 Aug - 31 Dec 76
S-3 Officer	LtCol E. REICHERT Jr.
Operations Officer	Maj C. R. STEINMETZ 1 Oct - 31 Dec 76
Air Traffic Control Division Officer	1stLt G. E. WASHBURN 1 Jul - 30 Aug 76
	WO-1 G. L. JACKSON 31 Aug - 30 Sep 76
	CWO-4 L. R. COXE 1 Oct - 31 Dec 76
S-4 Officer	LtCol J. W. BRIDGES
Financial Manager	Mrs. Eula S. ENNETT
CO, H&HS Squadron	Maj E. D. HAYMORE
XO, H&HS Squadron	Capt C. M. COLLINS III 1 Jul - 30 Sep 76
	Capt R. M. BELONGIE 1 Oct - 31 Dec 76
Catholic Chaplain	Cdr E. R. TONER, USN
Protestant Chaplain	Cdr W. A. SMITH, USN
Supply Officer	1stLt G. M. HERSTEAD
Services Officer	Maj R. F. WILEY 1 Jul - 31 Aug 76
	LtCol G. S. PATE 1 Sep - 31 Dec 76
Special Services Officer	Maj R. G. CANADA



Comm/Elect Officer

Capt M. G. CAMERON  
1 Jul - 31 Oct 76

Capt J. C. DAY  
1 Nov - 31 Dec 76

Disbursing Officer

Capt L. M. BASS

Public Affairs Officer

MSgt J. MIMS  
1 Jul - 12 Sep 76

CWO-3 L. J. LePAGE  
13 Sep - 30 Nov 76

MSgt J. MIMS  
1 Dec - 31 Dec 76

Adjutant

Capt G. A. O'CONNEL  
1 Jul - 6 Jul 76

MGySgt F. P. DURBINO  
7 Jul - 29 Aug 76

MSgt J. H. JOHNSON  
30 Aug - 31 Dec 76

Sergeant Major

SgtMaj A. L. BUNTING  
1 Jul - 1 Nov 76

SgtMaj A. COOK  
2 Nov - 31 Dec 76

Dining Facility Officer

CWO-4 B. D. REDIC  
1 Jul - 28 Jul 76

Human Affairs Officer

Capt B. L. TREADWAY  
1 Jul - 31 Aug 76

Capt D. J. JACOBY  
1 Sep - 31 Dec 76

Command Club System

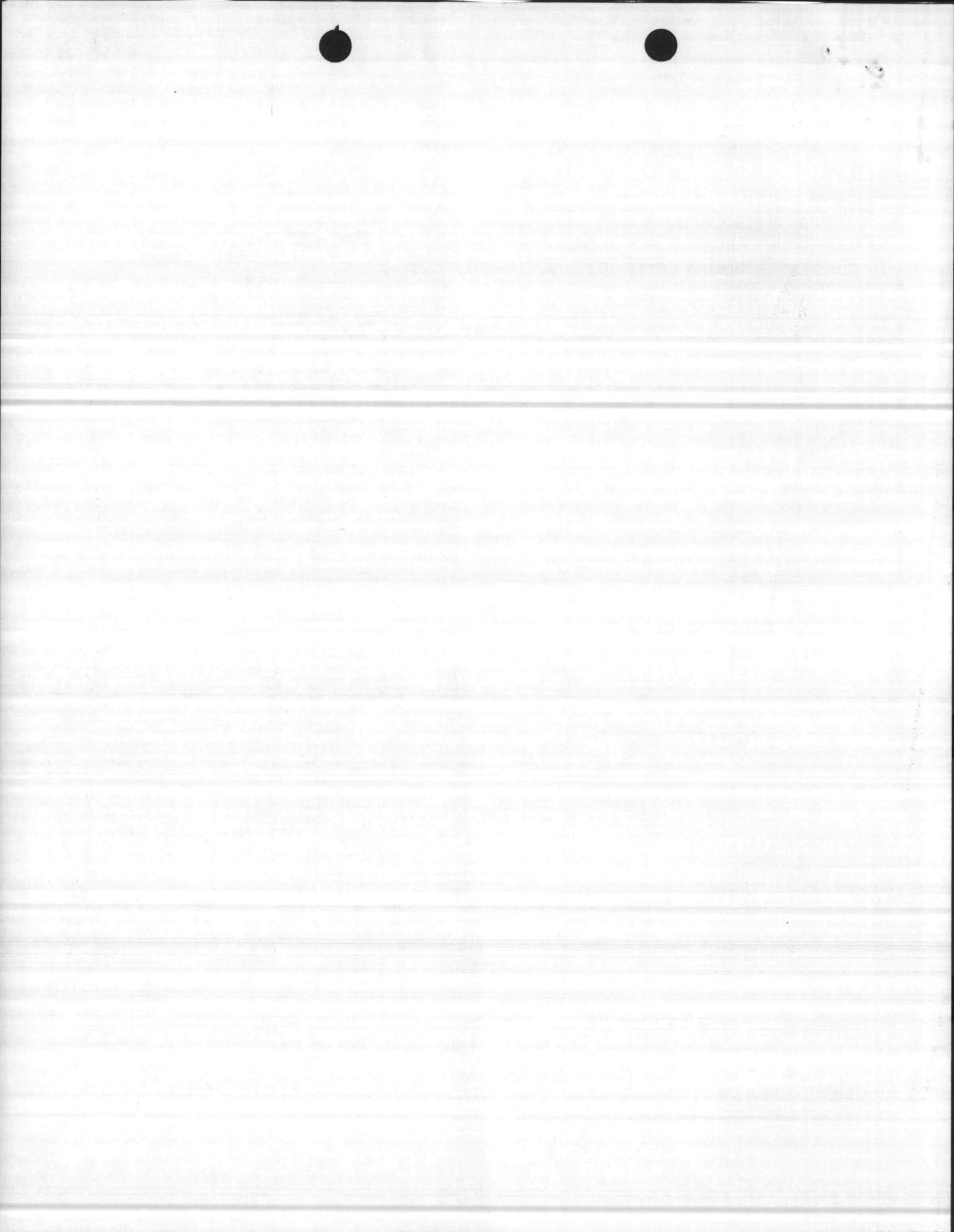
Maj R. R. STOUT  
1 Jul - 7 Oct 76

MGySgt C. L. DELOACH  
8 Oct - 31 Dec 76

Provost Marshal

Capt F. R. HART

e. Average Strength. The average monthly strength during this period was 532 personnel. This figure includes officer and enlisted, permanent and attached personnel.



### 3. Personnel

a. During this period, 91 permanent personnel and 218 FAP personnel were joined; 34 permanent personnel were transferred and 159 FAP personnel terminated.

b. Ten Marines re-enlisted and 20 Marines were released from active duty; 26 Marines were discharged and 10 transferred to the FMCR.

c. During this period, the following promotions were effected within this Command:

(1) Officer: 1/Maj; 1/Capt; 3/1stLt; 1/CWO-4

(2) Enlisted: 1/MGySgt; 2/MSgt; 9/GySgt; 3/SSgt; 24/Sgt; 49/Cpl; 55/LCpl; 13/PFC

d. The following decorations/awards were presented at appropriate ceremonies: 52 Good Conduct Medals; 20 Meritorious Masts; Five Letters of Appreciation; Two Certificates of Commendation.

#### e. Civilian Personnel

(1) <u>Ceiling</u>	<u>GRADED</u>	<u>UNGRADED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Full time permanent			73*
On-board (excludes 4 summer aides)	40	25	65

\*(2) Ceiling adjustment authorized by HQMC includes two closed Microphone Reporters (reimbursable funds) and six Aviation Training Device Mechanics (direct funds). Also one civilian space (BOQ) was transferred from MCB Camp Lejeune to MCAS(H) effective 1 Dec 76.

(3) The civilian turnover was 12 separations and nine accessions.

(4) The position of manpower utilization assistant, GS-7 (with target level of GS-9) was established and filled on 24 Oct 76. The purpose of the position is to perform a variety of duties in support of the manpower management program for the station.

### 4. Training

#### a. General

The Training Department is responsible to the MCAS(H) S-3 Officer for providing aviation training to units of the Second Marine Aircraft



Wing stationed at MCAS(H) New River and to the Commanding Officer, H&HS for coordinating and implementing individual training of the Station enlisted Marines which includes Rifle Marksmanship, Physical Fitness Testing, Drown Proofing, Pistol Requalification and Familiarization Firing. Further, it monitors the command Weight Control Program, MCI, Essential Subjects Training, SNCO and NCO Leadership Training, and coordinates MOS Training.

b. Military Training

(1) Rifle Marksmanship. 325 personnel fired for qualification with 319 qualifying and six unqualified.

(2) PFT. Twenty Marines remain on the Remedial program, 14 on weight control.

(3) Pistol Requalification. During this time 41 Marines qualified with T/O weapon.

(4) Aviation Training. Construction of new Flight Simulator Building continues. This facility will accommodate the present 2C43, 2F117, and the proposed 2F120 scheduled for construction in FY-77.

(5) Leadership/Human Relations. 83.3% of the Marines trained in CY-76, highest overall percentage of any unit in the Marine Corps.

5. Airfield Operations

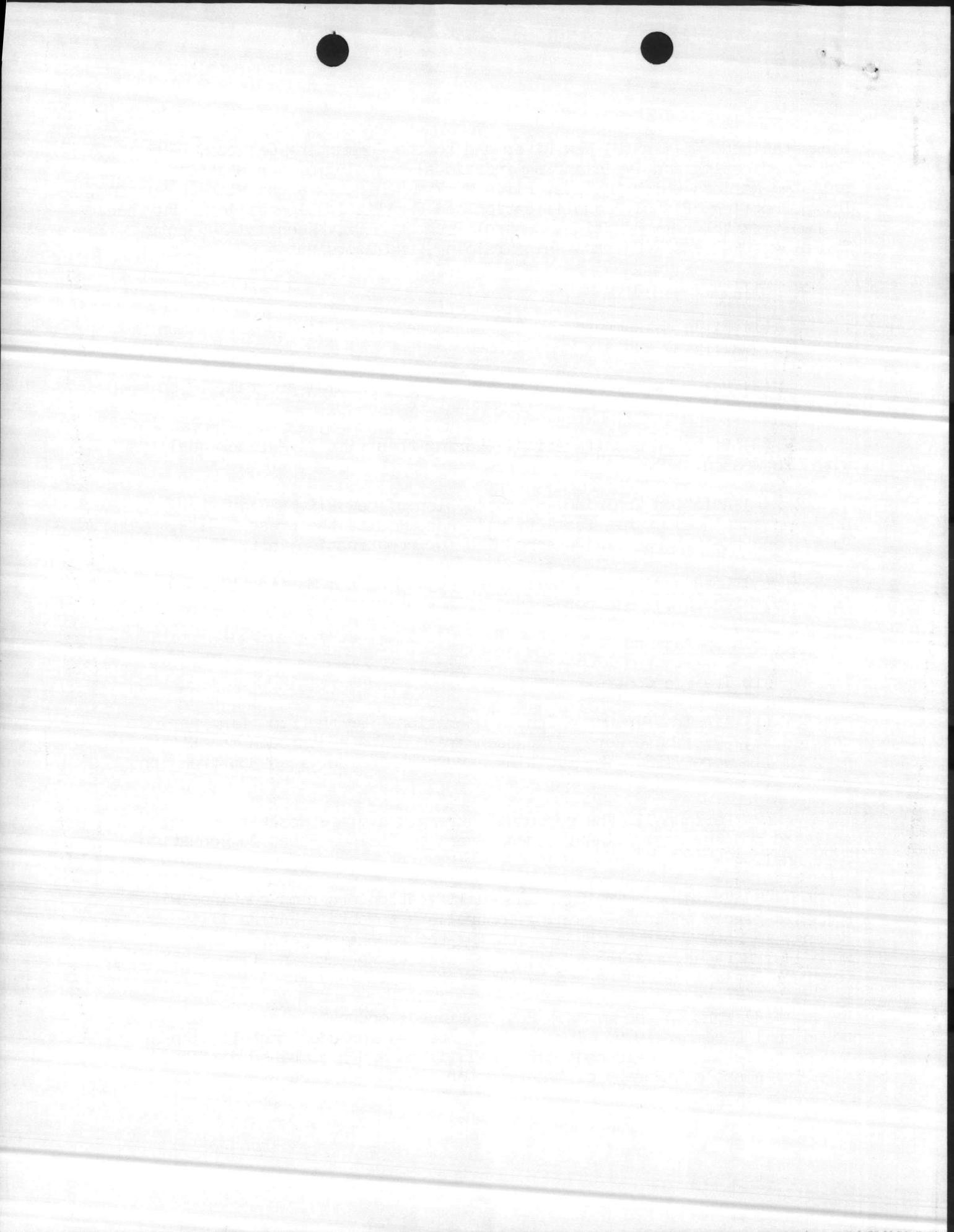
a. Air Traffic Control

(1) Air Traffic Operations. Operations for the reporting period totaled 38,237. There were 457 passengers manifested through the Division of whom 118 were VIPS. The Visiting Aircraft Line serviced 386 transient aircraft.

(2) Personnel. The personnel strength average was two officers, 42 enlisted and three civilians. These averages include Fleet Augmentation personnel.

(3) Training. Training and qualification programs continue with emphasis placed on cross-training controllers to obtain FAA Facility Ratings in both Tower and Radar. During the reporting period there were 14 IFR radar, six IFR tower, nine Facility Ratings and five Visibility Observer Qualifications earned by ATC personnel.

(4) Work on the Quonset Hut continues; occupation of the building began on 1 December 1976. Tower rehabilitation includes installation of two portable air traffic control signal lights and a combined airfield lighting console, thereby eliminating three outdated pieces of equipment.



b. Weather Services

(1) Weather Services Division maintains a 24 hour daily forecaster and observation program, with forecasts produced and disseminated locally and observations transmitted via an Air Force Teletype Circuit plus local dissemination.

(a) A total of 522 IFR, 494 VFR and 178 local flight forecasts were issued; in addition 101 destructive weather warnings were disseminated to parent and tenant commands at MCAS(H) New River and Camp Lejeune.

(b) Monthly Climatological, Astronomical, and Tidal Data was computed and published for use at the Air Station and Camp Lejeune.

(c) Blast Focus Forecasts were prepared and disseminated on a daily basis to MCB Camp Lejeune G-3 Training who further disseminates this information to Range Control, 2d Mar Div and Force Troops and Cherry Point TACC.

(2) Conus Metrological Data System (COMEDS) was installed and became operational on 27 Dec 76. This system replaced Comet I, II, III and NOTAMS System.

c. Crash Crew

(1) The Crash Crew Division has nine vehicles assigned for crash fire protection. In addition, two MB-5 crash vehicles are on loan from MAG-26 and MAG-29 to supplement the station equipment. During this period, the station received two one-ton rescue command vehicles and one 500 gallon nurse truck w/500 GPM rear mounted pump.

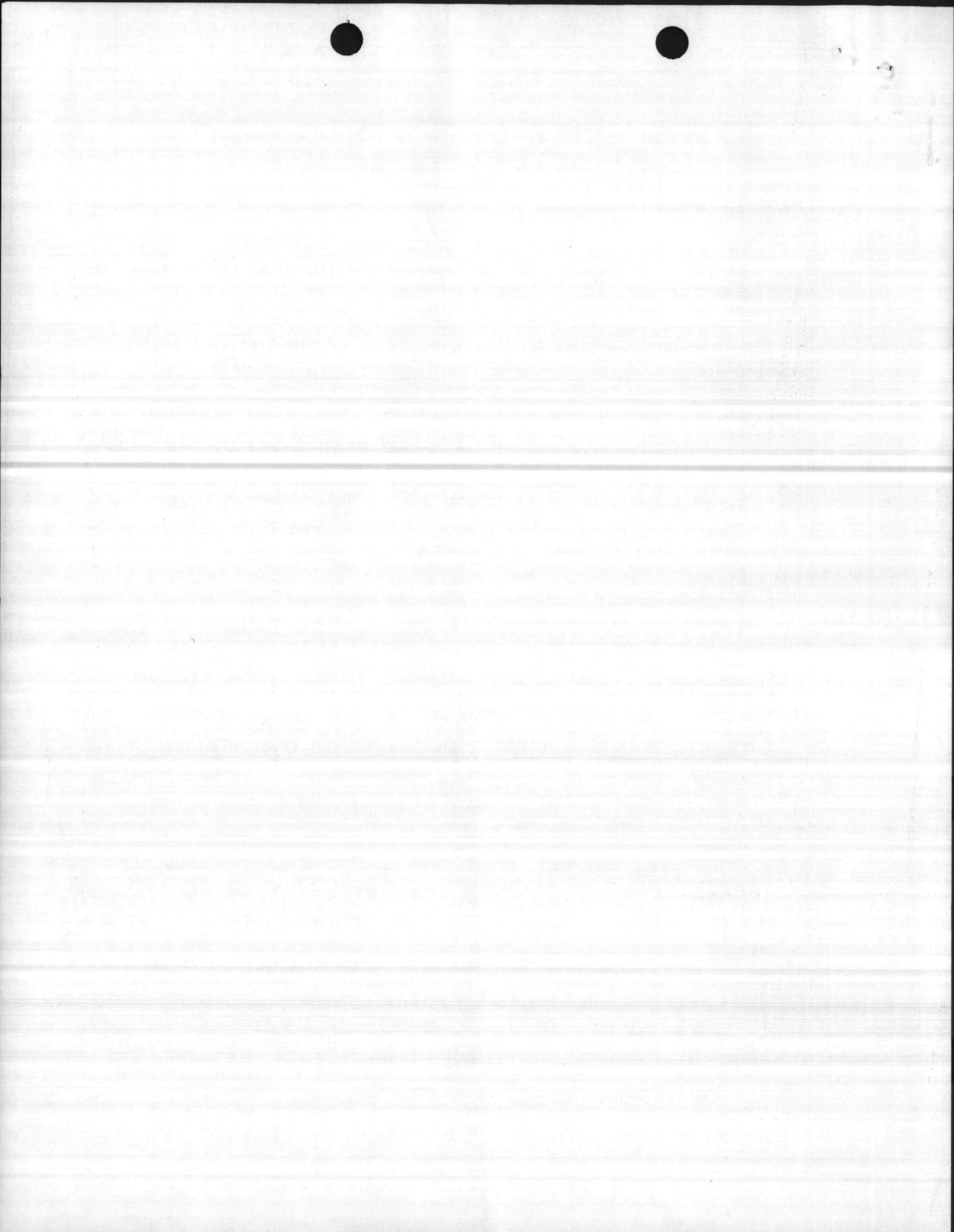
(2) Aircraft Accidents. Crash Crew did not respond to any accidents during this period.

(3) Aircraft Standbys. Crash Crew responded to 20 aircraft emergencies during this period.

(4) Manned Equipment. Crash Crew spent 1780 hours manning the runway alert position for landing and departing aircraft and provided crash vehicles for 42 defuels, 94 washdowns for fuel spills and six airfield escorts.

(5) Training. 2312 man hours were spent on Crash Crew technical training.

d. Flight Support. The Flight Support Division supported an average of 42 pilots from 2nd Mar Div, 2nd ANGLICO, and H&HS New River through 30 Sep 76. This support entailed 868.1 pilot hours on 229 proficiency



or logistic flights with an average of five aircraft assigned. For the period 1 Oct 76 to 31 Dec 76, when proficiency flying was cancelled, the Flight Support Division supported 16 pilots from H&HS. This entailed 466.3 pilot hours on 161 operational or logistic flights.

(1) During the reporting period, 863.4 aircraft flight hours were flown in assigned aircraft. Total flight time by type aircraft was as follows:

(a) T-28C	176.8
(b) T-28B	670.2
(c) U-11A	16.4

(2) During this period an average of 143.9 hours per month were flown.

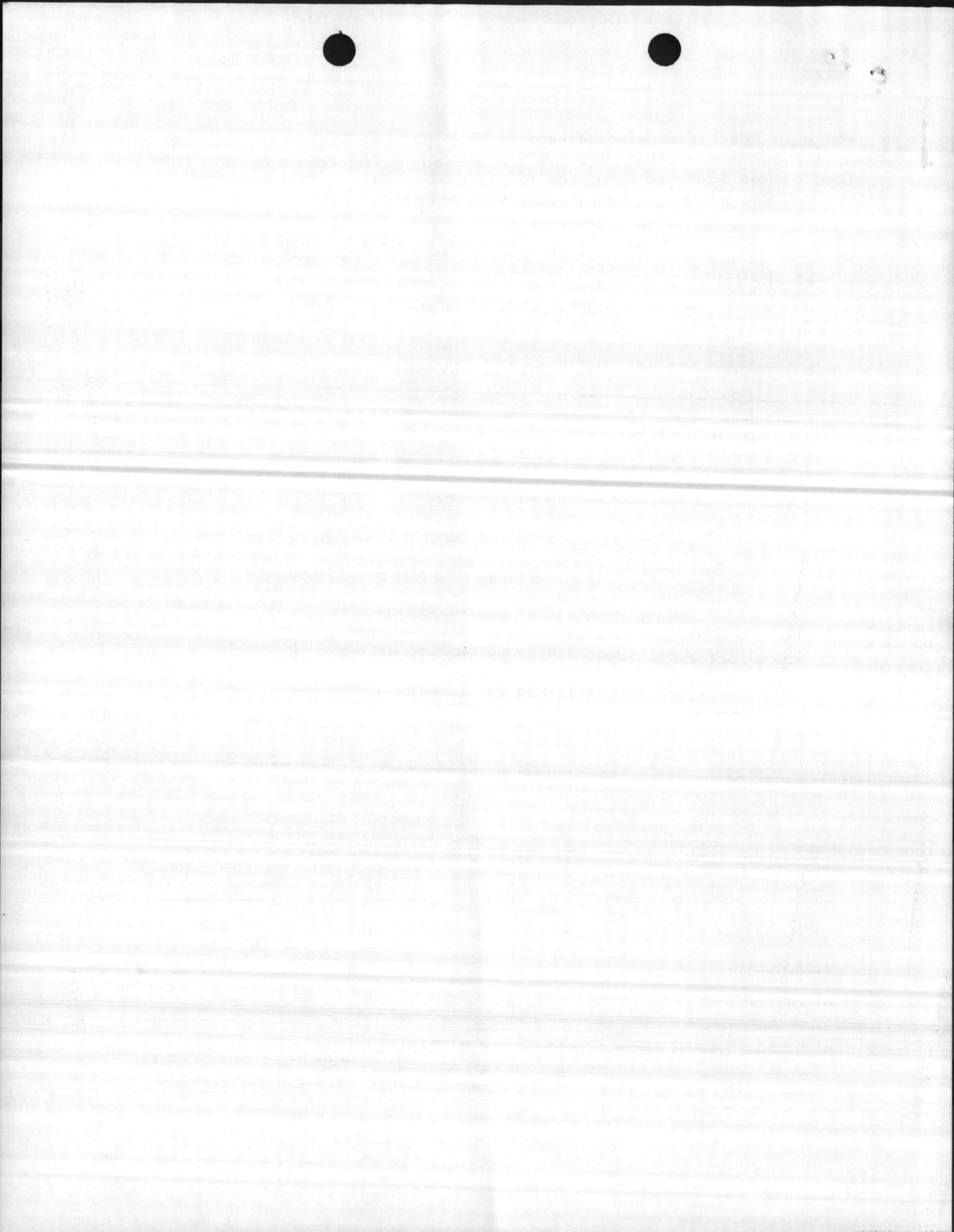
(3) Aircraft transactions were as follows:

- (a) Aircraft Buno 149058 was received 28 Oct 76
- (b) Aircraft Buno 140647 was transferred 18 Nov 76
- (c) Aircraft Buno 138247 was transferred 23 Nov 76
- (d) Aircraft Buno 149051 was received 24 Nov 76
- (e) Aircraft Buno 137689 was transferred 30 Nov 76
- (f) Aircraft Buno 138300 was transferred 2 Dec 76
- (g) Aircraft Buno 138259 was transferred 6 Dec 76

(4) Operational Readiness Report is as follows:

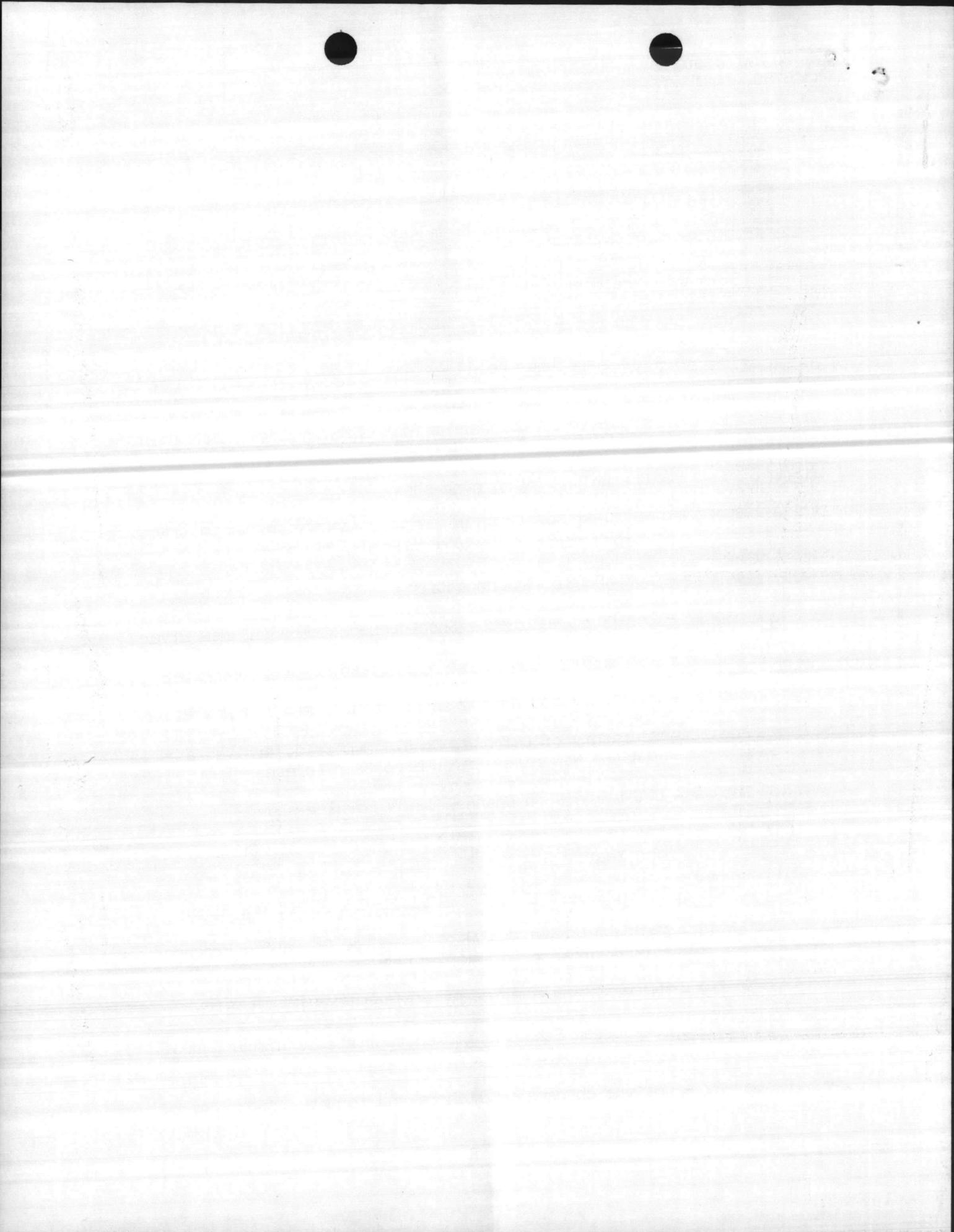
<u>TYPE AIR-CRAFT</u>	<u>PERCENT OPERATIONAL READY</u>	<u>PERCENT NOT OPERATIONAL READY SUPPLY</u>	<u>PERCENT NOT OPERATIONAL READY MAINT</u>	<u>PERCENT NOT OPERATIONAL READY</u>
T-28C	76.0	11.6	12.3	24.0
T-28B	65.3	17.1	17.6	34.7
U-11A	42.9	15.8	41.3	57.1

e. Communications-Electronics. In October, Collins Radio Group, Rockwell International, signed a contract with NAVELECSYSCOM to construct a microwave link between MCAS(H) New River and MCAS Cherry Point Approach Control.



6. Public Affairs

- a. Jul 2 - MCAS(H) Bicentennial Celebrations
- Jul 14 - HMM-162 returned from Med. Cruise
- HMT-204 presented an award by Sikorsky, for 10,000 accident free hours
- Jul 15 - New River OWC on Channel 12 TV morning show
- Jul 23 - IG Inspection held
- b. Aug 18 - MAG-29 Change of Command, Col Richard T. TRUNDY was relieved by Col Warren G. CRETNEY
- Aug 30 - Col B. R. WILKINSON, CO MCAS(H), and wife Janet on Channel 12 TV morning show
- c. Sep 13 - MajGen Carlos ARRIAGO, Commandant of the Spanish Marine Corps, visited MCAS(H) New River
- Sep 15 - COMCABEAST A&M Inspection
- Sep 17 - Leather Craft Hobby Shop opened at MCAS(H) New River
- Sep 22 - Commanding General, MCB, visited MCAS(H) New River
- Sep 27 - British Hobby photographers toured MCAS(H) New River
- Sep 28 - Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, arrived at MCAS(H) New River enroute to Camp Lejeune
- d. Oct 4 - OWC members on Channel 12 TV morning show
- Oct 7 - Sgt Gary E. ESTEP named Marine Corps Air Crewman of the Year
- LtGen Robert H. BARROWS visited MCAS(H) New River
- Oct 13 - MajGen Richard E. CAREY presented Operation Frequent Wind Awards to 2d MAW Marines
- Oct 19 - MajGen Richard E. CAREY visited MCAS(H) New River
- Blue Creek School children tour static display at MCAS(H) New River
- Oct 30 - Rotovue changes publishers and format



e. Nov 2 - Sgt Herbert A. KALE presented Air Medal

MajGen Victor A. ARMSTRONG, COMCABEAST visited MCAS(H)  
New River

Nov 7 - Marine Corps Sunday held in Chapel in honor of Corps  
Birthday

Nov 9 - NATO Cruise returns to MCAS(H) New River

Nov 10 - Outdoor Birthday Ceremony held

Officers Ball held in Hangar 4108

Nov 11 - Enlisted Ball held at Service Club for singles and  
Hangar 4108 for couples

Nov 12 - SNCO Ball held in Hangar 4108

Nov 16 - VMO-1 completed 12,000 accident free flight hours

Nov 23 - Israeli Air Force LtCol Shaul SHEFFI toured MAG-26  
Flight Line

f. Dec 14 - MajGen Victor A. ARMSTRONG visited MCAS(H) New River

7. S-4

a. Milcon Projects

(1) P-180, Utilities Expansion, Ongoing, Completion Date 4-77  
(Electrical Distribution Portion Completed 11-76).

(2) P-180A, Utilities Expansion (Steam Plant), Ongoing, Completion  
Date 10-27-77, Building AS-4151.

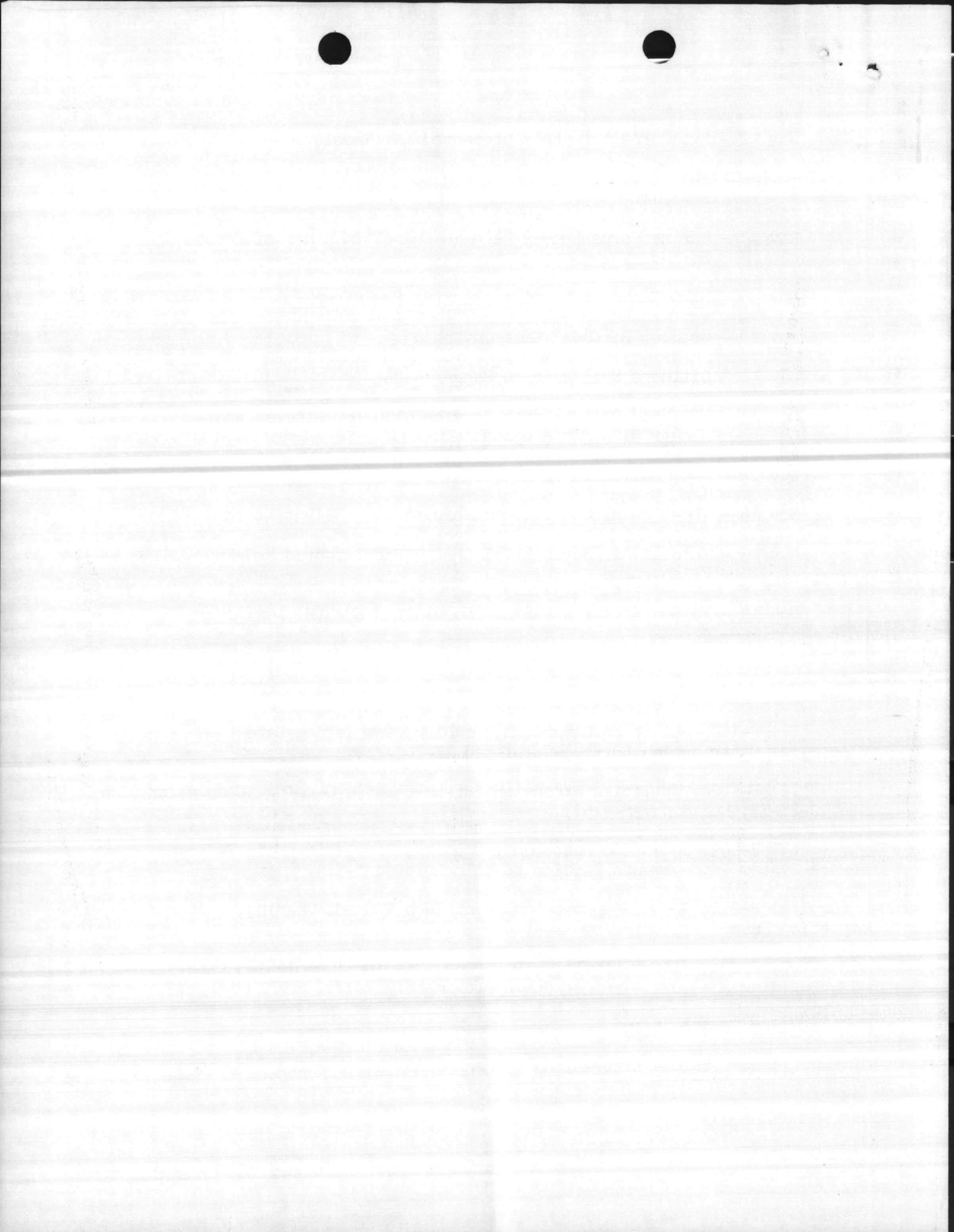
(3) P-209, Pollution Abatement, Ongoing, Completion Date 7-77  
(Sewage System Improvements Portion to be completed 1-77).

(4) P-212, Ground Support Equipment Shop & Shed, Ongoing,  
Completion Date 7-77, Building AS-4146.

(5) P-298, Flight Simulator Building, Ongoing, Completion Date  
5-77, Building AS-320. (Trainer due approximately 7-77).

b. Minor Construction

(1) HQMC 6620 - Alterations to Hangar AS-4108 Portion Completed  
9-76.



c. Major Repair

- (1) HQMC 6051 - Repairs to BEQ AS-4010, Completed 11-76.
- (2) HQMC 6050 - Repairs to BEQ's AS-211, AS-215, AS-216, and AS-217, Completion Date 1-77.
- (3) Repair/Retube Boiler #10, AS-422, Completed 11-76.
- (4) Roof Repairs, Family Housing, Completed 8-76.
- (5) HQMC 6054 - Repairs to CG-1 Building for MATCS-28, Ongoing.
- (6) Replace Evaporator Coils & Drip Pans, Family Housing, Ongoing, Completion Date 7-77.

d. Special Services

- (1) Wood Hobby Shop, Ongoing (Conversion of AS-827).
- (2) Auto Hobby Shop, Ongoing (Conversion of AS-812).

e. Special Projects

- (1) Formed Det "A". MWSG-27 Headquarters, AS-217.
- (2) Joint Reception Center, 2nd MAW, AS-211.
- (3) MOOSE Project, Oak Grove, 11-76.
- (4) BOQ Deconsolidation, 1 Dec 76.
- (5) BEQ Reorganization, 15 Nov 76.
- (6) Hosted AICUZ conference and began AICUZ Study, 18 Nov 76.

f. BESEP

(1) 3475 - Automatic Weather Station, Ongoing (Awaiting parts from manufacturer).

8. Supply. The Burroughs TC-3500 became operational 16 Dec 76.

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